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AND RADIATION IMAGE INFORMATION  
READING APPARATUS WHICH INCORPORATES  
SUCH SHEET-LIKE MEMBER CLEANING DEVICE

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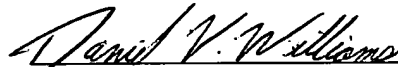
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